

24 May 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 1 June and Later

1. The following topics were covered at the 23 May Presidential Briefing in addition to some administrative and operational matters:

- A. Warsaw Pact Forces
- B. Eritrean Assessment
- C. Shaba Assessment

2. The following topics are nominated for the Thursday, 1 June Presidential Briefing. The Pre-briefing is tentatively scheduled for 1430 Tuesday, 30 May.

- A. Political Ferment in Nicaragua
- B. The French Left
- C. Military Lessons for Southern Africa Learned from Performance of Soviet and Cuban Forces in the Somali-Ethiopian Campaign

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative briefing dates, if known, are shown:

- A. Monitoring Arms Control Agreements (PBC)
- B. South African Nuclear Program (NIO/NP) 6 June
- C. Korean Military Update (OSR)
- D. Role of Evacuation in Soviet Civil Defense (OSR)
- E. NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR) 13 June
- F. Bonn Economic Summit (NIO/PE) 11 July
- G. FRG-USSR Relations (NIO/WE) 11 July
- H. Panama - Situation after the Treaties (NIO/LA) 13 June
- I. India, a short update before PM Desai's Visit (NIO/NESA) 6 June
- J. US-USSR Technical Collection Comparison (NITC/OWI)
- K. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer Simulation Model to Assess Future Alternative Water Management Strategies (OGCR)
- L. Soviet Actions to Cope with Their Economic Difficulties (OER) 20 June
- M. Soviet Air Defense Systems (OWI)
- N. Soviet Computer Technology (OSI/OER)

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- O. Law of the Sea After LOS-3 (OGCR) 6 June
- P. Soviet Performance During the Cosmos 954 Event (OWI)
- Q. Pakistan (NIO/NESA) 27 June
- R. Nuclear Power in the LDCs (OER)
- S. US-USSR Arms Transfer Comparison (OER)
- T. Sino-Soviet Relations (NIO/CH-NIO/USSR) 5-6 July
- U. Caribbean-Mexican Illegal Migration (OER)
- V. Prospects of Nuclear Terrorist Threats from Abroad (NIO/NP)

4. The following topics have been proposed as possible future topics for Presidential Briefings. These topics have not yet been approved by D/NFAC. After D/NFAC approval of the topic, the responsible officer will be asked to provide an outline for the DCI's approval. Preparation of the draft briefing starts after the outline is approved.

- A. Colombian Drug Traffic
- B. Thailand
- C. Submarine Detection and Tracking
- D. Soviet Natural Gas Capacity
- E. Indian Nuclear Policy and Prospects
- F. Chinese Plans to Increase Science and Technology Capability

5. Basic preparation work has been completed on the following briefings. They are being held awaiting an appropriate opportunity to use them. Then the responsible officer will be contacted by the PBC for a last-minute review and update of the briefing. Responsible officers are requested to inform the PBC if these topics are to be treated in the PDB, NID or other intelligence publication so that the briefings can be canceled or modified as appropriate.

- A. Covert Communications (OTS)
- B. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)
- C. Soviet Forced Labor (OGCR)
- D.
- E. Philippine Insurgency (ORPA & NIO/EAP)
- F. Soviet ECCM (OWI)
- G. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI)

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6. The D/OER, D/OSI and NIOs CF, SS and AF will be requested to nominate topics for use in early July to the PBC by COB Tuesday, 30 May. The D/OGCR, D/OWI and NIOs SP, USSR, and EAP will be requested to nominate topics for use in mid-July the following week.

7. A tentative schedule for major topic preparation is attached.



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Attachment

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TENTATIVE MAJOR TOPIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Backup Material to DCI on:</u>	<u>DCI/NFAC Meeting on:</u>	<u>Presidential Briefing on:</u>
15 May	Nicaraguan Politics Southeast Asia The French Left	China	Greece & Turkey China Soviet Ship Deployments
22 May	Law of the Sea South African Nuclear Program	SE Asia	Warsaw Pact Eritrea
29 May	NIE 11-4-78 Panama	Law of the Sea	Nicaragua The French Left
5 June	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems	Around-the-table with NIOs	Law of the Sea South African Nuclear Program India
12 June	Pakistan	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems	NIE 11-4-78 Panama
19 June	Sino-Soviet Relations	Pakistan	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems
26 June	?	Sino-Soviet	Pakistan

Filler material is or will be available on the following topics:

X1A-Soviet Forced Labor	-Soviet Computer Technology
-Covert Communications	-Soviet Performance During the COSMOS 954 Event
-Monitoring a CW Ban	-Nuclear Power in the LDCs
	-Estimating SLBM Effectiveness
-Philippine Opposition	-US-USSR Technical Collection Comparison
-Soviet Electronic Countermeasures	-Soviet Air Defenses

Note that this schedule is tentative. It will be revised weekly and major changes may take place from week to week.

Briefings on "Military Lessons for Southern Africa Learned from Soviet and Cuban Performance in Angola and Ethiopia" and "Monitoring Arms Control Agreements" are in preparation.